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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$9 MILLION FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, has secured \$9 million for improvements to Douglas County highways in the final version of the transportation authorization bill that emerged from a conference committee on Wednesday. The transportation bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

The bill provides \$5 million for improvements to I-25 from the Douglas/Arapahoe County line to Monument Hill and \$4 million for the C-470 and Highway 85 Interchange.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the transportation legislation and secured a total of \$110 million for specific transportation projects.

"More than three years of hard work and negotiations on the transportation bill have paid off for Douglas County, with \$9 million specifically directed to the county in the bill," said Senator Allard. "The Denver metro area continues to grow, and the transportation bill will help ensure that the infrastructure grows along with it."

"Colorado's transportation needs continue to expand," added Senator Allard. "As a member of the conference committee, I was pleased to be able to secure \$110 million for a long list of critically-needed highway projects throughout Colorado."

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